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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

KAWAUZRA et al.

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: August 6, 2001

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated May 4, 2001, in connection with the above-identified patent application. We note the period for response to the Office Action expires August 6, 2001 (August 4, 2001 falling on a Saturday). Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments without prejudice.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 2, 8 and 14 as follows. Attached is a marked up copy showing changes to the claims.

1. (Amended) A rubber composition comprising (i) an incompatible polymer blend comprising at least two diene rubbers selected from the group consisting of rubbers containing at least one conjugated diene monomer and, optionally, at least one aromatic

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